

## South Carolina Book Festival

by Alice Brooks

The eleventh year just added to the success the Festival has enjoyed for the past decade as thousands of readers and writers gathered in Columbia on an otherwise dreary weekend in February. In fact, the event set a one-day attendance record on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> with more than 3,500 participants! It's the signature event of the Humanities CouncilSC and counts among its principal sponsors the South Carolina State Library, the South Carolina Arts Commission, City of Columbia, Richland County, *The State* Newspaper, WLTX-TV, and the Hampton Inn.

The Columbia Convention Center was the place to be over the three days of activities, with attendees enjoying writing classes and workshops, the Opening Night Party, as well as two days of free activities listening to authors, having books autographed, and shopping in the Exhibit Hall—which featured over 100 exhibitors—for books and rare finds.

Once again, as always, the State Library had a prominent table in the Exhibit Hall and presented DISCUS and Talking Book Services materials. It was also a great opportunity to meet and talk with a variety of people, explaining the depth and variety of State Library services.

A first for the Book Festival this year was "Brunching with Authors," a Sunday hit held at the State Museum. It was a hot ticket, and a bargain to boot at only \$25, for an opportunity to sit with any of ten well-known authors, chat, and eat tasty

shrimp-and-grits fare.

The *Sixth Annual Palmetto Book Award* was presented at the Brunch. The recipient was **Dr. Walter Edgar** (pictured left) for his many contributions



to the appreciation of South Carolina history and literature. The Brunch was sponsored in part by Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. (See complete 2007 Palmetto Book Award coverage, page 5.)

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## Moving Forward...

It gives me great pleasure to announce that **Mr. David Goble** is the new director of the South Carolina State Library.

Goble's library background is quite unique in that it includes a blend of staff and management experiences in both the commercial and non-profit sectors as well as both public and academic library experience. David has led various projects at other institutions. Most notably, he automated an acquisitions department, managed circulation, document delivery, course reserves, periodicals, and microforms. He has been head of reference, as well as worked for a large library vendor.

David comes to us from the Central Piedmont Community College where he was Dean of Libraries. During his tenure he converted their system to one that is web based. He participated in a 24/7 reference service, instituted instant messaging based reference, authored online tutorials, and much more.

Another unique quality David brings to the position is his banking experience; which, prior to becoming a librarian, was his profession.

Goble is a graduate of The Citadel, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his Masters of Library Science, and The University of South Carolina, where he received a Master of Arts in American Literature.



By **Dr. Curtis R. Rogers**  
Interim Director

As of March 19<sup>th</sup>, I will be able to once again concentrate on my duties as the Director of the Division of Statewide Library Services. I am excited about having David as our Director and after many conversations with him, I know that he will continue to move the State Library forward on many thrilling new paths to excellence.



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# SCSL Welcomes New Board Member

## Dan Mackey to Represent 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District



Governor Mark Sanford announced the appointment of Camden native **Dan B. Mackey** to the Board of Directors of the South Carolina State Library in December, 2006, and he jumped right into the fray. His first assignment? He and his fellow Board Members had to select SCSL's new director from a number of very impressive candidates.

"We were such a compatible, collegial group luckily," Mackey said of his fellow Commissioners, "and we really took this task seriously. After all, we knew this decision would impact the State Library and its future." Mackey said he was proud that the Board's first choice ultimately accepted the position. "His credentials are just excellent, as were peer comment," he said. "I know he will be a real complement to the quality staff we have in place here already."

If his comments about SCSL staff seem familiar, it's because he worked closely with most of the Leadership Team in recent years.

Dan Mackey is one of those rare Board appointees with actual working library experience, according to **Dr. Curtis Rogers**, SCSL's Interim Director. "He served on the Kershaw County Friends of the Library for years, but was actually called out of retirement to serve as Library Director in 2002," Rogers said. "He literally saved that Library." Others agreed and cited Dan Mackey's outstanding work when the Friends of SC Libraries named him *Outstanding Library Staff* for 2003, its most prestigious award.

Mackey is very modest about the award, though, and says the credit is really due the SCSL staff. "I had to call on them many times and there was always someone who figured it out for me. The award really belongs to them."

Dan Mackey, a University of South Carolina graduate, has a distinguished career in public service to the Palmetto State. He was Director of Regional Development for the State Budget and Control Board and earlier served as Executive Director for several state and local governmental entities, including the SC

Advisory Commission for Intergovernmental Relations, the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, the Chester County Economic Development Board, and the Greer Chamber of Commerce.

Mackey continues as a Kershaw County Library volunteer today. His community service also includes being a reader for Pine Tree Hill Elementary School and member, Kershaw County Economic Development Advisory Committee.

He relishes this most recent appointment and says the Governor did not have to twist his arm. "I'm proud to be associated with the State Library," he said. "It's a real leader among public libraries in the country. The staff is so competent and innovative, I can hardly wait to see what the future holds."

Dan and his wife Pearce "Tootie" Mackey have one son, Benjamin, and four grandsons. He replaces Margaret Bundy of Lancaster, whose term expired last June. Mackey's SCSL term will expire June 30, 2011.

# Museums and Libraries Engaging America's Youth: South Carolina Participates

By Guynell Williams, Federal Grants Coordinator

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Museums and Libraries Engaging America's Youth initiative focuses primarily on young people aged 9 – 19 and is analyzing past Institute grant-making initiatives that have included over \$240 million in grants.

Two of the state's youth services librarians, **Kristin Whitworth**, Teen Librarian with the Greenville County Library System and **Cathy Pruett**, Youth Services Librarian with the Marion County Library, served as representatives for South Carolina at the Institute's November meeting in Washington, D.C.

"It was overwhelmingly awesome to be at the same table with someone from the U.S. Department of Education, the Corporation from Public Broadcasting and the Director of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform," said Whitworth. "I am very proud of what I have accomplished at the Greenville County Library System (GCLS). My presentation highlighted my teen advisory board and how their input helped make registration in teen summer reading at GCLS increase from 704 in 2005 to 1,299 in 2006."

Pruett observed that one prevailing discussion focused on whether it was better to have a broad but shallow reach with one's programming, or whether it was

better to impact fewer students, but in a more profound way. "I believe we all must start from where we are," said Pruett. "I tried to point out that the library here (in Marion) is really the technology leader in the county and that students and adults both come to us for equipment they cannot afford and information they need our help to master."

"I believe it is because of librarians such as these ladies that any State Library is ever able to make a positive impact with any statewide program or project," she concluded.

Resources, links, and updates on the Institute's Museums and Libraries Engaging America's Youth initiative are available at [www.ims.gov/youth](http://www.ims.gov/youth).

## LSTA Does It Again!

by Guynell Williams, Federal Grants Coordinator

Once again, a small Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) sub grant has made a big impact. Chester County Library, using an LSTA sub grant award of \$5,475, implemented the *Spring Into Reading Program* (SIR)—a holistic, brain-based reading and learning program for parents with children in kindergarten through first grade whom schools have identified as having learning-to-read challenges. Working with the Chester County School District, the library was able to obtain participation from parents whose children were identified through PACT (Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test) scores.

Twenty children and their parents (some grandparents) consistently attended the SIR semimonthly

meetings. LSTA funds provided compensation for SIR trainers and provided for a portion of the cost of SIR materials. Pre- and post-tests were administered to the children. Parents received random progress evaluations. All students improved their fluency scores. A first-grader remarked to his SIR instructor that he "loved reading now." One SIR parent told library staff that her child now loves reading and asks frequently to be taken to the library for more books. Every SIR child was issued a library card.

Participants completed twelve sessions and, at the end of the program, attended a graduation ceremony. Chester's school superintendent commented, "We found the SIR Program to be a

powerful tool to use as an early intervention for parents of students who may struggle within our school setting. Parental engagement is something that we are constantly striving to improve."

Chester County Library director **Ann Ramsey** was proud of the successful results saying, "I would advise any SC public library to consider conducting the SIR program because it would be a positive, worthwhile experience for them and their community." Ramsey has acquired funding from a local foundation to continue the SIR program for a second year.

For more information on LSTA in SC, visit the "Funding for Libraries – Federal Aid" pages on the web site of the SC State Library at [www.statelibrary.sc.gov](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov).



# 2007 Palmetto Book Award

**The South Carolina Center for the Book has presented the Palmetto Book Award annually at the South Carolina Book Festival since the award's inception in 2002. The Palmetto Book Award honors a South Carolina person or organization that works to promote the literary arts and to foster a creative atmosphere in South Carolina.**

**Previous winners of the Palmetto Book Award are:**

- **South Carolina Young Writers Conference, 2006**
- **the Hub City Writers Project, 2005**
- **the Beaufort County Library, 2004**
- **Tom Johnson of the South Caroliniana Library, 2003**
- **Sara Breibart of the Charleston County Public Library in 2002**

*Dr. Walter Edgar has been associated with the University of South Carolina for more than 30 years. In 1965 he entered the graduate program in history and received his M.A. in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1969.*

*In 1972 he joined the faculty of the History Department and in 1980 was named director of the Institute for Southern Studies.*

*Over the past three decades, he has written or edited nine books about South Carolina and the American South, including his most recent, South Carolina: A History, the first new, comprehensive history of the state in more than 60 years.*

*Editor's Note: From 2002-2006, the award was selected by the SC Center for the Book's advisory committee. The 2007 Palmetto Book Award is the first one selected by a nomination process open to the public. SCSL's Interim Director **Dr. Curtis Rogers** had the distinct pleasure of presenting the Palmetto Book Award to **Dr. Walter Edgar**. The following is excerpted from his presentation:*



"Every morning on my way to work I tune in to SC ETV Radio and listen to the news, events, and more recently, I've been keeping up with Dr. Edgar's South Carolina from A-Z... Here is my own version:

- A is for Author
- B is for Bar-be-que (he's an official judge!)
- C is for honorary degrees he holds from Coker College, Coastal Carolina University (alliteration)
- D is for another honorary degree from Davidson College
- E is for ETV radio featuring *Walter Edgar's Journal*
- F is for fiction that he's read on his other radio show "Southern Read"
- G is for gardening, one of his hobbies
- H is for (what do you think this is for?) HISTORY, the most obvious word we associate with Dr. Edgar!

"Dr. Walter Edgar has long been a positive force in the literary arts in South Carolina with his numerous publications, his work as editor of the recent *South Carolina Encyclopedia*, his programs on South Carolina Public Radio, and his position as director of the Institute for Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina, among other affiliations and activities. He received three separate nominations for this award.

"To quote from one of the nominations: 'Dr. Edgar has successfully merged his love of history with a fascination for the South and good literature into several publications that tell the story of life in South Carolina. His talent as a writer, or more appropriately a storyteller, ensures that his work will be read by all types of people, not just historians.'"

**The SC Center for the Book is the South Carolina affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book in Washington, DC and is a cooperative project of the South Carolina State Library, the USC School of Library and Information Science, and The Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup>. Formerly known as the Palmetto Book Alliance, the SC Center for the Book changed its name in 2006 to align with the 49 other Centers across the country. The SC Center's mission is to celebrate South Carolina's rich literary heritage and bring public attention to the importance of books, writers, and reading. The Palmetto Book Award is just one of the ongoing projects of the SC Center for the Book, which also includes the South Carolina Literary Map and the Letters About Literature awards for students.**

## IMLS and NEA Announce April 12<sup>th</sup> Deadline for The Big Read

Washington, DC--The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), announces the second deadline for The Big Read program. The purpose of The Big Read is to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture. Grants ranging from \$5,000 - \$20,000 are available to encourage local communities to inspire literary reading through the Big Read program.

Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read will receive a grant, financial support to attend a national orientation meeting, educational and promotional materials for broad distribution, an organizer's guide for developing and managing Big Read activities, inclusion of the organization and its activities on The Big Read Website, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national initiative. Approximately 120 organizations of varying sizes across the country will be selected in this cycle.

In addition to the grant, selected organizations will receive a library of related materials for each community's use to entice readers to join The Big Read. These materials include:

- Reader's guides for each book, providing historical context, author biographies, discussion questions, and more.

- Teacher's guides for each novel, with ten days of lesson plans, including writing assignments, discussion questions, and handouts.
- CDs for each book, with commentary from renowned artists, educators, and public figures.
- TV spots and radio programming, as part of a comprehensive media plan.
- Publicity materials, including posters, banners, and bookmarks.
- An online organizer's guide for executing a successful Big Read program.
- A comprehensive Web site, bringing the program, the books, and the materials to a wider audience and serving as a gateway for participating cities to share ideas.

The Request for Proposals can be downloaded at [www.NEABigRead.org](http://www.NEABigRead.org). The proposal deadline is April 12, 2007, and funded activities should be scheduled to take place between September and December, 2007. Questions should be directed to Arts Midwest at 612-341-0755 or [TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org](mailto:TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org).

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest.

## New Director for York County Library

The York County Library Board of Trustees has announced that **Colleen Carney** has been hired as the new Director for the York County Library system to replace **David Lyon**, who is retiring. She began her new position on March 5.

Director of the Berkeley County Library in Moncks Corner, SC since 1996, Ms. Carney also serves as president of the Association of Public Library Administrators in South Carolina (APLA) and has 32 years of experience in the library field.

Ms. Carney is originally from Ohio and received a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in Library Science from Kent State University. She also has a Master's degree in Adult and Community Education from Ball State University in Indiana.

The York County Library system has a budget of \$4.3 million, with a headquarters library in Rock Hill, branch libraries in Fort Mill, Clover, Lake Wylie and York, and a bookmobile. For more information, visit [www.yclibrary.org](http://www.yclibrary.org) or call 803-981-5831.



## Anderson County Library System Opens New Branch in Pendleton

Over 200 town residents and visitors attended the grand opening ceremony of a new Pendleton Branch Library on Sunday, January 14, hosted by the Anderson County Library System.



**A two-story façade marks the exterior of the new Pendleton Branch Library in Anderson County.**

The building was designed by the Greenville architectural firm of Craig, Gaulden and Davis.

How popular is the new facility? Attendance during the first week rivaled that of the previous month in the old library and has continued to climb during the past two months.

The new building, constructed at a cost of \$3 million, is 12,000 sq. ft. in size and able to house 75,000 volumes and other materials. There is expanded space for up to 30 computers, tutoring areas, and a 75-seat meeting room. A reading lounge overlooks a nature conservancy garden.



**A crowd enjoys opening day at the new Pendleton Branch Library in Anderson County.**

## Read, Write, and Win in Union County

Carnegie Library was one of 2,000 libraries across the country, to receive a set of eighteen award-winning novels on the theme of **"Becoming an American."**

The Library plans to display the *We the People* collection and make the set available to all interested readers.

Additionally, library staff are holding a variety of events, including a contest for the community. The "Reading and Writing About the US" contest will use the books included in the collection. Participants will read and review these books.

## Socastee Language Lab

Spanish speaking residents of Horry County can now learn the English language at their own pace, thanks to the newest resource at the Socastee Library.

The brand new Language Lab features the Berlitz Inglés Básico Nuevo course book and six audio CDs to facilitate learning English. The kit may only be used in the library, but may be shared by up to four users at once. Along with the book and CDs, the Socastee Library also has a media station that includes a CD player, four headphones, and an adapter for multi-users. The new Language Lab was sponsored by the generous support of the Friends of the Socastee Library.

The Socastee Library is located at 141 707-Connector Road in Myrtle Beach. For more information, contact **Kim Cantley**, Circulation Manager, 843-215-4700.

The top three who read and review the most books from the collection will win prizes, and have their reviews published on the Library website. [www.unionlibrary.org](http://www.unionlibrary.org)

The prizes awarded to the top three winners in each category include: mp3 players, ipod shuffles, and gift cards.

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# for your CALENDAR

**April 16 - 18**  
**Computers in Libraries**  
**Conference, Arlington, VA**  
(SCSL's Catherine Buck Morgan  
and Tao Gao to present)

**May 1-2**  
**National Library Legislative**  
**Day, Washington, DC**

**May 10 - Closed**  
**Confederate Memorial Day**

**May 18**  
**LIBRIS Conference, SC State**  
**University**  
(SCSL's Curtis Rogers to present)

**May 21-23**  
**Public Library Leadership**  
**Institute, Columbia**

**May 28 - Closed**  
**Memorial Day**

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